

SESSION #8 (1 Dec 09)

I. INTRODUCTION & REVIEW:

The 2nd generation has passed the “discipline test” but now they have to face the test given to the 1st generation.

(1) **1 Cor 10:13** → God’s resources are sufficient for every test He sends us, including death itself

(2) **Rom 8:28** → Testing is part of our road to maturity and final victory

(3) **1 Thess 5:18** → Theology of Thanksgiving or Theology of Complaining

(4) **Phil 4:6-7** → inner peace and stability in the midst of chaos

Moses constructs an argument to strengthen (1)(2) [**Deut 2:1-23**]

These nations—Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites—had minor royal grants to their lands, but nothing like Israel’s royal grant:

- no eternal grant;
- no Presence of God;
- no dramatic Exodus

But they conquered enclaves of giants!!

THEREFORE: 2nd generation, having greater resources, has sufficient resources

2nd generation is part of Yahweh’s glorious plan of final victory

AND: 2nd generation is learning to walk by faith, not by works.

II. 1ST “Holy War” Victory Surprises (2:24-3:11)

1:6-4:40	1st Exposition of the Torah = <u>motivation</u> to obey from <u>past gracious actions</u> of Yahweh
1:6-3:29	Historical analysis of Israel from Sinai to the Transjordanian victories
1:6-18	From Sinai to Kadesh
1:19-46	Kadesh and the wasted years
2:1-23	Negotiating already-allocated lands – honoring the Abrahamic Covenant “land grants”
2:24-3:11	1st “holy war” victory surprises

2:24 rise up. . .cross the Arnon. . .possess it

Doctrine of Holy War:

1. Deut 20: 2 policies carefully distinguished based upon land boundaries (harem principle)
2. Mental preparation in Deut 20 (remember Gideon)
3. Yahweh's battle, not Israel's – Ark (Num 10:35-36); Joshua and CINC Israel (Jos 5:13-15); Rev 19 [Book of the Wars of YAHWEH-Num 21:14]; booty is Yahweh's not Israel's
4. Revelatory of God's Holiness and Power (Exodus plague refrain “that they might know that Yahweh God of Hebrews is real)
5. Genocide upon those who have as a culture totally rejected God (and thus includes the women and the children; cf Gen 9:20-25)
6. War is actually with principalities and powers behind human societies as in Daniel 10:12-14.
7. Connection with NT epistles: 2 Cor 10:4-5; Eph 6:10ff & imprecatory psalms

Sihon campaign

2:24 I have given him into your hand

Deut 20 Strategy #2 because its not within the land, but “hardening” which qualifies them for “harem” under Strategy #1.

2:25 dread of you

2:26-29 words of peace

2:30-31 hardened his heart. . .that you may possess it

Explanation in **Num 21:26** about how Sihon took land not his under God to take

2:32-34 utterly destroyed [harem]

Follows Strategy #1 now.

2:35 booty

Because this is an exceptional situation so that Israel gains in material assets to settle this extra land.

2:36-37 not near Ammon.

Og Campaign

3:1 Bashan

Expansion northward

3:2 don't fear

No “messengers of peace” this time (may have been in league with Sihon as a fellow Amorite)

3:3-7 all the cities. . .60 cities (towns). . .fortified with high walls

Harem in verse 6 shows complete defeat of well-defended cities.

3:8-10 from Arnon to Mt. Herman

3:11 bedstead. . .in Rabbah

Closing note here to add to the evidence in Moses' overall exhortation to the 2nd generation (the "giant" theme re-occurs in every one of these reviews)

III. CONCLUSION

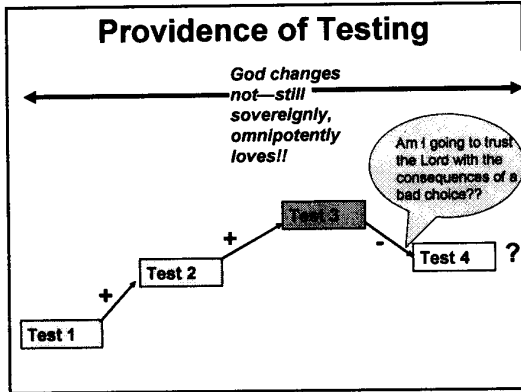
Glimpse into the way of life of OT believers: BY FAITH to handle the tests of obedience to God's word (would He enable victory over strong cities and giants)

Tests are designed for bringing up into maturity AND occur because of the dominion He has called us to exercise

(Israel's destiny was to create a theocracy in history as a testimony to all humanity → spiritual conflict in a fallen world)

(Church's destiny is to expand the Body of Christ and resist the "gates of hell")

God demonstrated in public view His capacity to work His plan through the believers of the 2nd generation.



Theology of Thanksgiving	Theology of Complaining
<p>God is in charge</p> <p>God is gracious and gives me what I do not merit</p> <p>God has my ultimate good in view as He administers providential circumstances in my life</p>	<p>God is in charge</p> <p>God claims to be loving and gracious</p> <p>But He treats me like He doesn't care or He treats me like He delights in my misery</p>

"Holy War" Genocide

"The rationale for this command lies in the old adage 'the apple does not fall far from the tree.' The children simply would have imitated the sin and character of their parents. Kaiser asks, 'if the women and children had been spared in those profane Canaanite nations, how long would it have been before a fresh crop of adults would emerge just like their pagan predecessors?' This imitation by children of their parents explains why God placed a curse on Ham's descendants because of Ham's sin (Gen 9:20-25). 'These descendants were not cursed because of what Ham did: they were cursed because they acted as their ancestor had.'" Andy Woods, Canaanite Genocide, p. 16

If Israel's conquest of Canaan were to be adjudicated before an assembly of nations acting according to the provisions of common grace, that conquest would have to be condemned as unprovoked aggression and, moreover, an aggression carried out in barbarous violation of the requirement to show all possible mercy even in the proper execution of justice. . . . The unbeliever is the believer's neighbor today; but the reprobate is not the neighbor of the redeemed hereafter for the reason that God will set a great gulf between them. God, whose immutable nature it is to hate evil, withdrawing all favor from the reprobate, will himself hate them as sin's finished products. And if the redeemed in glory are to fulfill their duty of patterning their ways after God's, they will have to change their attitude toward the unbeliever from one of neighborly love to one of perfect hatred, which is a holy, not a malicious passion. . . ." Meredith Kline, The Structure of Biblical Authority, p 163

